

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) An implant dental prosthesis comprising:

an implant abutment affixed at a lower end to a dental implant,
said implant abutment having an implant abutment axis; and

a circumferential groove in said implant abutment extending substantially
transverse to said axis and a retentive element between said prosthesis and said implant abutment
for co-operating with said circumferential groove;

an appliance having a hollow retainer cavity with an outwardly and downwardly
taper relative to said implant abutment axis forming a retainer surface telescopically mateable on
an upwardly and inwardly extending facing a mating tapered surface on said axial implant
abutment including coupling means for a resilient retentive fit between said mating tapered
surfaces.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the within amendment be considered by the Examiner in conjunction with the remarks previously set forth in the Amendment of January 24, 2003. By this Amendment, claim 7 is amended to include the limitation of "*a retentive element between said prosthesis and said implant abutment for co-operating with said circumferential groove;*" and "*including coupling means for . . .*" Both claim limitations were inadvertently omitted in the prior amendment submitted on January 24, 2003. The circumferential groove in said implant abutment extends substantially transverse to said axis with a retentive element between the prosthesis and the implant abutment. The retentive element may be an O-ring, a